PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

Claims 16-21 are all the claims pending in this application.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Before the first line the sentence, the following has been inserted.

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/673,449 filed October 16, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, which is the National Stage of PCT/JP99/02044 filed April 16, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-15 are canceled.

Claim 19 has been amended as follows.

19. (amended) A hematopoiesis promoting agent comprising the pharmaceutical composition according to [any one of claims] <u>claim</u> 16 [to 18].

New claims 20 and 21 have been added.